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To Col. Isaac H. Reed.

MY DEAR SIR:

It is with unfeigned pleasure I dedicate (with your permission) this little work to you, Sir, with whom I have been so long and so pleasantly associated, with so many pleasing incidents occurring in our intercourse, that it is indeed a pleasure and a pride to me to dedicate to you my book; and if it will while away a leisure hour, and call to your remembrance one who has the highest esteem and regard for you, it will indeed repay me.

Wishing you, my dear friend, many and prosperous days, I am

Truly and faithfully yours,

N. T. HUBBARD.





PREFACE.

HAVING had for several months past much leisure time on my hands, the thought occurred to me, early last Spring, that I could not improve my leisure hours better or to more advantage than to jot down a few reminiscences and recollections of the time, long gone by, in connection with a brief history of my early life. In these papers I have alluded quite often to my progenitors and many of my relatives, and I beg here to say—the remarks which I have made concerning them, were intended more particularly for them alone, than for the public generally. have several times, during the writing of these papers, threatened to destroy what I had written, feeling as I frequently have, that I could not give that expression to my thoughts in language that altogether pleased me; but I was prevailed upon to go on, and I now present to my relatives. and friends a little work which has taken me many months to complete, and which I sincerely trust may prove of some interest to my readers.

At my time of life (I am now in my ninetieth year) it can hardly be expected that I should possess the qualifications necessary to give to these papers anything approaching literary merit. This I certainly have not aspired to, but simply to relate in my own language and in my own way, some of the events which have occurred in this city during the past seventy-five or eighty years, and if I have contributed even in a small degree, any gratification or amusement to my readers, I shall be satisfied. Having lived far beyond the time allotted to man, and with a due sense of His great mercies to me-sparing me in my old age, and placing my trust still in Him, I await His summons, and may His blessings descend upon one and all of you.

N. T. HUBBARD.